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Khaleeda makes Jamaat smile

BNP's latest stance throws a political challenge to trial of war criminals

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN
BNP Chairperson Khaleeda Zia's rejection of the International Crimes Tribunal as partisan and her demand for release of the top leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami held as war crimes suspects underline fresh political challenges to their trial.
Five detained Jamaat leaders, including its chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, have been accused of committing crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War in 1971.
Jamaat-e-Islami collaborated with the Pakistani occupation forces which killed three million people and raped two lakh women during the nine-month war.
Khaleeda's demand at Tuesday's rally in

the capital has made Jamaat leaders happy as they see it as a success in their efforts to come closer to the main opposition party and jointly wage anti-government street agitations, political analysts said.
They said BNP's latest stance will boost Jamaat's morale and reinforce the allegation that the trial process is not neutral.
At the rally organised by the BNP-led four-party alliance, Khaleeda said "A mockery of trial" is going on in the name of trying war criminals. The international crimes tribunal formed by the government is nothing but a partisan body, and it has no acceptance both at home and

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Hard to believe that this is actually the wreckage of a Jeep after it was rammed by an intercity train at Sitakunda of Chittagong yesterday. Five employees of state-run Pragati Industries Ltd died in the crash.

5 killed as train rams Jeep in Ctg

Level crossing was unmanned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Five people were killed and two others injured yesterday morning as an express train rammed a Jeep at a level crossing at Barabkunda of Sitakunda upazila in the district.
Dhaka-bound Karnaphuli Express from Chittagong around 11:00am hit the Jeep carrying employees of Pragati Industries Limited (PIL) and dragged it along 500 yards, said Abu Taher Khan, officer-in-charge of Chittagong Railway Police Station.
Saleh Ahmed, 50, an

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Polls not under caretaker govt

AL rejects BNP's demand, urges it to be ready for election under present govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Turning down the opposition's demand for restoring the caretaker government system, ruling Awami League yesterday urged it to prepare for the next elections which will be held under the present government.
"The Election Commission has held the upazila, municipality, union parishad and by-elections in a free, fair and impartial manner without any



Syed Ashrafur Islam
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AUG 21 CONFESSION WITHDRAWAL Hannan submitted no legal petition

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and ASHUTOSH SARKAR
A petition filed by detained Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan for withdrawing his additional confessional statement in the August 21 grenade attack case is not valid or cognisable.
The media, over the last two days, reported that Hannan filed the petition with a Dhaka court on Tuesday for withdrawal of the statement given on April 7 this year.



But The Daily Star found that proper legal procedure that a detained individual is supposed to follow for filing such a petition was not adhered to.
Judge Shahed Nooruddin of Speedy Trial Tribunal-10f Dhaka on Tuesday told Hannan's lawyer immediately after the submission that there was no legal basis for the petition since proper procedure had not been followed.

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AUG 21 CASES Drop name of Tarique Demands BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The main opposition BNP has demanded that the names of its senior vice-chairman Tarique Rahman and other opposition leaders be dropped from the two cases filed over the August 21 grenade attack.
The party said its detained leaders and activists "implicated" in the cases must be released immediately, as Mufti Abdul Hannan, prime accused in the cases,

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8 die as boat sinks in Surma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
At least seven children and a woman drowned as a boat capsized in the Surma river at Jamalganj in Sunamganj yesterday.
The boat capsized around 4:30pm when a group of passengers boarded the already overloaded boat at Durlavpur Ghat, said Khoybor Hossain, Jamalganj upazila nirbahi officer (JNO).
The boat was on its way to Sachna Bazaar from Sunamganj, he said, adding that most passengers managed to swim ashore.
The bodies were recovered and the boat was salvaged.
The dead are Niyoti Das, 12, daughter of Mohadev Das, Ria Das, two, daughter of Ajoy Das, of Lakshmansri village under Sunamganj sadar; Mushahid, one, son of Azad Mia of Sripur under Jamalganj; Jesmina, five, her sister Zannat, two and a half years old, daughters of Babul Mia

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Students of Jagannath University yesterday burn tyres and chant slogans demanding that the government continues funding the university beyond 2012 and releases the students police arrested during their earlier demonstrations.

Jagannath shut till Oct 6

Decision follows 4 days' of demonstration by students over 4 demands

KAILASH SARKAR
Jagannath University authorities yesterday closed the institution until October 6 following four consecutive days of student agitation. The university will be open again on October 9 after the weekend.
Yesterday, students burnt effigies of Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, for what they claimed was his inaction to meet their demands, and Vice-Chancellor Prof Mezbahuddin.

They demanded that the government continue to fund the university beyond the year 2012, which the Jagannath University Act does not allow. They also want their dormitories made free of illegal occupiers, more buses for student transport and relocation of the Bangladesh Bank branch office which is inside their campus.
The effigies were burnt in front of the vice-chancellor's office around 1:00pm while demonstrators, under

the banner of "General Students", threw brickbats at law enforcers deployed outside the campus.
Before closing the university, Prof Mezbahuddin had separate meetings with heads of different departments of the university and leaders of students' organisations yesterday afternoon.
He met leaders of the student organisations first. Having made no headway on the negotiation table, he

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15 university reporters involved
Police claim to have photos, footage
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police filed two cases against around 900 students of Jagannath University in connection with vandalism on September 25.
The 900 students include 15 Jagannath

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জাতিসংঘ "সাঁউথ সাঁউথ" পুরস্কারে ভূষিত হওয়ায় গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা -কে সাধারণ বীমা কর্পোরেশন-এর সর্বস্তরের কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীর পক্ষ থেকে-



আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন ও শুভেচ্ছা
মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী বঙ্গবন্ধু কন্যা শেখ হাসিনা নারী ও শিশু স্বাস্থ্য উন্নয়নে তথ্যপ্রযুক্তির ব্যবহারে অনন্য অবদানের জন্য 'সাঁউথ সাঁউথ' অ্যাওয়ার্ড লাভ করেছেন।

রাষ্ট্রীয় খাতে সাধারণ বীমার একমাত্র প্রতিষ্ঠান
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